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LARRY LLOYD

GOOD AFTERNOON, and a warm welcome to everybody connected with Stockport County. Unfortunately, I will not be able to have a chat with their manager, Jimmy McGuigan, for as many of you might know, he has been in hospital, but of course, I wish him a speedy recovery. This is the third meeting with Stockport this season, and it would be nice if today's result went the same as the previous two games.

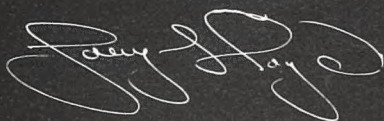
As you know, Fred Eyre and myself have parted company, and I wish him well in the future, but it does seem rather unfortunate that he has chosen to have a go at me in the National Press. There are plenty of things I could say, but I have more dignity and pride than that, and the things I have to say to people, I always say to them face to face.

Our results of late have been rather encouraging, and on Tuesday, against Aldershot, in the League Cup, I felt very proud of the players in the way that they approached their work in the most professional of ways, with a second-half of very high quality football.

I have nothing but praise for them and the way in which everyone has applied himself, and I am sure that if any of them were so desperately unhappy here, as has been suggested, then it surely would show on the field of play.

Enjoy the game,

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Scene Four

Bang goes Stockport Record!

STOCKPORT COUNTY, who make their second visit of the season to Springfield Park this afternoon, saw their 100 per cent home League record go toppling last Saturday, when they lost 1-2 to A.F.C. Bournemouth. Stockport's only other home defeat was, of course, against Wigan Athletic in the League Cup.

Bournemouth's success, coupled with Torquay's defeat at Wigan, took them back to the top of the Fourth Division, and they are now only one of four unbeaten clubs left in the Football League — West Ham United, Oldham Athletic, and Blackpool are the others.

Bradford City continue to play the most exciting attacking football. They were helped by Malcolm Partridge own-goal when they won 3-1 at Scunthorpe United last Saturday, but Barry Gallagher netted for his fifth game in a row to take his tally to seven. Colleague Bobby Campbell is clearly being watched more closely these days for, after scoring eight goals in his first six games, he hasn't found the target since 19th September. Bradford also have Dave McNiven back on top form. He scored their third goal at Scunthorpe to take his tally to four. With three such outstanding strikers, Bradford can afford to have one — or even two — blocked out of the game by extra marking. But it's almost impossible to keep three such goalscorers under control. This is evident from Bradford City's record so far. They have scored 33 goals in 13 matches (including the Group Cup) for a fantastic average of almost three goals per game at home and away!

At the other end of the scale, Crewe Alexandra's plight continues. Beaten 2-0 at

home by Port Vale, Crewe have failed to collect a point from eight Fourth Division games, and that's only four defeats short of the worst-ever start recorded Football League history — 12 defeats by Manchester United in Season 1930-1931. Manager Arfon Griffiths, who took over at Gresty Road in July, clearly appreciates the enormity of his task and recently admitted he would be interested in taking over as Cardiff City's manager, if the job is offered to him. Mr. Griffiths had been in charge of Wrexham for four years — and led the club into Second Division Football for the first time in its history — until being dismissed at the end of last season. In June he was appointed manager of Bangor City but he never really got started there before the chance came to return to the League fold with Crewe. With Cardiff City going down 0-4 at home to Newcastle United last Saturday, a decision on the new appointment was expected this week. If Arfon Griffiths has got the vote then Crewe will have a great deal of persuading to do if they are going to get someone to undertake a task which is undeniably the most difficult in football.

The Football League recently revealed that the Fourth Division is the only division returning an **increase** in attendances this season. The major reason is, of course, the presence of Sheffield United who have been averaging well over 11,000 for home games and drawing bumper crowds wherever they travel. York City's 5,557 gate for the Blades' visit was their best League attendance since April, 1980.

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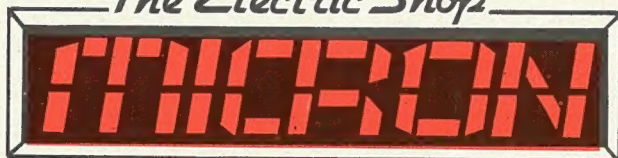


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COMING SHORTLY

SCUNTHORPE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

IT HARDLY seems 30 years since the Scunthorpe United Football Club gained admission to the Football League, but, in preparing these notes for the programme, one was made aware just how quickly time passes, and how rapidly an ambitious non-league club can gain a new identity at Football League level.

The Scunthorpe United Football Club was formed in 1904, and acquired both professional and limited company status in 1912. An amalgamation with Lindsey United in 1910 brought about the name Scunthorpe United. After years in the wilderness, the club finally gained election to the Third Division (North) of the Football League in 1950, and, by the end of the that decade, was established as a Second Division side. In 1964, however, the club was relegated to the Third Division, where it stayed for five seasons, before being relegated to the Fourth Division. Apart from one brief season, 1972-1973, in the Third Division, the Scunthorpe United Football Club has passed the last twelve years at Fourth Division level.

Although never progressing beyond the Third Round of the Football League Cup, the club has twice reached the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup, in seasons 1957-1958 and 1969-1970. The highest position ever achieved in the Football League was in season 1961-1962, when the "Irons" finished fourth in the Second Division, and their one championship honour was achieved in 1957-1958, as Champions of the Third Division (North). Of late, life has been something of a struggle, but the South Humberside stalwarts battle on, in the fervent hope that one day glory will return to the Old Show Ground.

For those interested in statistics, the club's record victory was achieved over Boston United by 9-0 in a Football Association Cup First Round game, played on the 21st November, 1953. The club's heaviest defeat was recorded almost twelve months earlier, on Christmas Day, 1952, when the "Irons" went down 0-8 to Carlisle United in a Third Division (North) game. The record attendance at the Old Show Ground still remains at 23,935 for a Fourth Round F.A. Cup tie against Portsmouth, on 30th January, 1954. The club's most well-known player, across the years, was the legendary Jack Brownsword, who appeared 600 times for Scunthorpe United between 1950 and 1965.

Wigan Athletic have won four and drawn two of the six games played against Scunthorpe United, since joining the Football League in 1978. Games between the two clubs, over the past two seasons have produced nineteen goals, so the forthcoming game to be played at Springfield Park ought not to be missed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 24th October, 1981.

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- SCUNTHORPE UNITED

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 20th October, 1981. Crewe Alexandra (Umbro Floodlit League)
Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 27th October, 1981. ALDERSHOT (FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP, SECOND ROUND, SECOND LEG) Kick-off 7.30 p.m.



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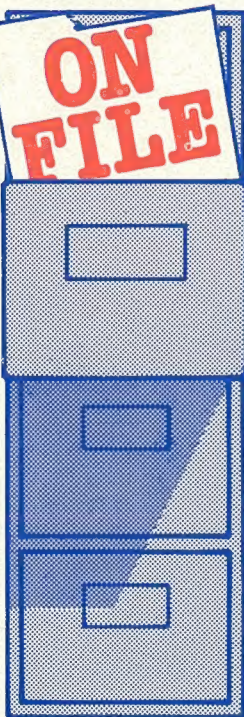
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"IT'S JUST paper-talk" is a phrase often used to describe a club's interest in another club's players. Our own Larry Lloyd has been the subject of much "paper-talk" this week, with the news that Manchester United were interested in him. Whether the story was true or not, Mr. Atkinson could not be accused of unethical behaviour because, if he was interested, he did the right thing and spoke to the manager of Wigan Athletic (who also happens, of course, to be the player concerned). But very often statements appear in the press like "Melchester Rovers want Keegan". — The Manager of Melchester Rovers, Fred Smith declared today that Kevin Keegan was just the man he needed to get the winning blend, etc. etc. "Then the next day, "Hands off Keegan," warns McMenemy. Lawrie McMenemy today told Fred Smith to forget any ideas he had about Keegan joining struggling Melchester Rovers. "He's got a five year contract with us and he's staying", declared an irate McMenemy. Then two days later, Keegan joins Melchester Rovers! It's an old and oft repeated saga, and just last week, Howard Kendall of Everton slated the press for lining up the Asa Hartford deal with City.

But, and here's where "On File" brings

you the inside information, such public statements as Fred Smith made above are against the rules. Section 57 of the Regulations of the Football League states, "officials or players shall not induce a Registered Player of another Club to leave for any purpose whatsoever the Club for which he is registered. Any infringement of this Regulation shall be dealt with by the Management Committee, who shall be entitled to take such action and impose such penalties against the Club Official or Player of the Club as they may in the circumstances think fit. Any penalty imposed by the Management Committee shall include the refusal to register for the Club guilty of the infringement any Player who they consider has been so induced". And it continues, "Public Statements by Club Officials of their interest in Registered Players of other Clubs shall be regarded as inducements within the meaning of this Regulation.

So, there you have it, in black and white. All "paper talk" is illegal. But why does the Regulation never get enforced? Because, according to League Headquarters, nobody ever complains. It would certainly put a stop to a lot of the rubbish we are forced to read if somebody did!

Colin Burke, Secretary.



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THE LOCAL VIEW

by Harold Ashurst



DISCIPLINE, as many club secretaries and referees will tell you, is not a strong point in teams of young lads under the age of 18, with swearing a particular problem. However, one team in the Wigan Under 16's League are putting all the rest to shame and are a credit to themselves. Banksfield, run by Jimmy Hill — no not he of the large chin — never won a game last season. So far they haven't managed to win one this season either (sounds like the real Jimmy Hill to me), but they have never had a player sent off or even booked. Also, they've never been late for a kick-off or failed to be represented at a League meeting and with an attitude like that, things can only improve. Best of luck Banksfield.

Aspull Victoria have been eliminated from the Post and Chronicle Sunday League's Hurst Trophy for fielding an illegible player. The same fate was suffered by Lamberhead in the Wigan Amateur League's Reporter Cup competition, and they suffered a £10 fine as well.

Bad language is on the increase and causing some concern in the "Post" League. Secretary Bill Heyes warned

of the serious consequences to clubs if this continued.

Wigan Amateur League have been drawn against Radcliffe in the Lancashire Inter-League and have yet to set a date, while the "Post" League's clash at Bolton will be played tomorrow. Best of luck to both Leagues.

Eleven players have changed clubs in the Wigan Amateur League this week.

Pride of place this week goes to the Wigan Under-16's League squad who beat Chorley 3-2 away in the First Round of the Lancashire Under 16's competition. They now face Blackpool in the second round.

On the schoolboy front, Wigan Boys' under-15 side gained their best results of the season last Saturday, beating highly-rated Salford 2-1 at Robin Park. This week sees the final County Trial and good luck messages go to Mark Schofield (Shevington High), Graham Morris (Hesketh Fletcher) and Paul Bolton (Leigh St. Mary's), who are hoping to make the final squad.

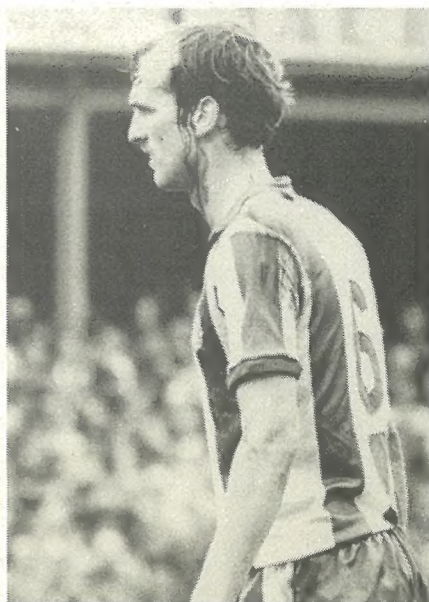
Finally, entries are now coming in for the Wigan Observer's Six-a-Side Football Competition to be played on the Latics Leisure area, starting in a fortnight. Teams can still enter and for full details see the Wigan Observer this week.

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ABOVE: The elation of Peter Houghton, having scored against Torquay United, contrasts sharply with the pensive expression of Colin Methven, who sustained a head injury.

BELOW: A fine action shot of Peter Houghton at Bournemouth
Photographs by David Cookson



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LATICS AWAY - ROUTE DETAILS

Saturday, 17th October, 1981. Hull City v Wigan Athletic. Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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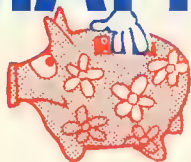
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MONEY MATTERS



IT HAS been very pleasing, in the early part of the season, to receive not only favourable reports about the content and layout of the match programme, but also to observe that match day sales have been maintained, despite the increase in price to 30 pence. It has not been easy to cover the cost of production, while improving the size, scope and presentation of "Springfield Scene". The use of colour, additional pages, and the recruitment of contributors, all costs extra money, and, in ordering minimum quantities from the printer, one has to juggle with mathematical equations, which, if one gets one's sums right, produces a profit on sales in addition to advertising revenue received. Although each year has seen us make steady progress with regard to the development of the match day programme, there is still much work to be done. Top quality graphics and artwork, individual contributions and much-valued advertising, backed up as they are by internal work from the Football Club, all need the highly professional and skilful expertise of a top-class printer. The

artwork supplied and the inks selected for the job in hand are vital ingredients. One has to visit our printers, PUBLICITY PRINT SERVICES, to appreciate how much that firm contributes to the putting together of the match day programme, issue by issue, and week by week. We are justifiably proud of our programme, and, when next you purchase a copy, please give a thought to those whose job it is to provide the Latics enthusiast with lively, informative and up-to-date information.

It is particularly appropriate, in view of what has already been written, that today's match sponsor is our local printing specialist, PUBLICITY PRINT SERVICES, of Litho House, Warrington Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Nr. Wigan. Telephone 0942 712480. We can give our friends no higher a recommendation than that, for the past three years, from director to art department staff, from printer to typesetter, from secretary to receptionist, the service and courteous consideration, not to mention work of the highest quality, has been first-class. We are delighted that P.P.S. feel able to support us by sponsoring today's game, and we look forward to further happy involvement with them in the future.

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by Dave Brooks

CONGRATULATIONS are in order all round this week, the first team are into a successful run, having had a result last Saturday by defeating high-flyers Torquay United 1-0. I understand it was a real nail-biting finish, but in the end the lads held on.

As mentioned in my last article, we were away at Liverpool, and I was hoping to realise one of my ambitions by beating them at Melwood. The ambition is still unrealised, but we did the next best thing by drawing 1-1, and, on our first half display, deserved to beat them. I was pleased that, for a change from Mark Edwards, it was his close friend, Glyn Stevens, who scored with a great header from a corner.

As is often the case, out of serious moments, humour is not far away. It was, of

course, the first game played after Bill Shankly's untimely death, and both teams were to wear black arm bands as a mark of respect. Unfortunately, ours were rather narrow and made of black elastic. They were in a plastic bag in the changing room before the game ready to be handed out to each player as they went out. The next moment, I looked up and saw George McAllister pulling one up his stocking leg. He hadn't realised they were arm bands and thought they were new "tie-ups".

The Youth Team play the next round of the Youth Cup on Thursday night against Bury, and I hope that by the time you read this, Dave Crompton will have lead them successfully into the following round.

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THE Committee and Bar staff would like to welcome the directors, playing staff and supporters of Stockport County F.C. for their second visit to Springfield Park this season.

On Wednesday night the final draw for the first 300 club was made for the Three Televisions (Colour) and Three Portable Televisions (B/W) the results being as follows.

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The Second 300 Club starts in November and there are still a few spare places if anyone is interested. It costs a total of £12.00 either by lump sum or £2.00 per month, for a period of six months. During this period monthly draws for cash prizes of £60.00, £30.00 and £15.00 are made, culminating in the grand T.V. draw. If you are interested, please see one of the committee after the match.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

On Wednesday, 14th October, 1981, we have, by popular request, the tremendous group 'ALTITUDE', tickets are 50pence each and there are not many left. The group are certainly worth seeing so don't be disappointed, get your tickets now.

Would members please note that there are two lists on the notice board, one for the O.A.P.'s Christmas Party and one for the Children's Christmas Party (under 12 yrs.).

Would you please append your name as soon as possible, as the lists will be taken down during November.

NOEL WARD BENEFIT

Tickets for the Film Night on Thursday October 29th are selling very well, so, if you have not got yours, see us after the match; the price is 75 pence inc. programme. The show will feature highlights of F.A. Cup matches from 1923 - 1973 and also the F.A. Cup 3rd round tie between Manchester City v Wigan Athletic 1971. (well worth the money).

The Benefit Match itself is scheduled for Monday, 16th November, 1981, 7.30 p.m. kick-off, against Chelsea. (Football League Cup permitting).

At half-time a penalty competition will be held; the finalists coming from earlier rounds being held on Sundays preceding the match. There will, in actual fact, be three competitions for the 7 yrs. to 11 yrs., 12 yrs. to 16 yrs. and a ladies' competition. A cup will be given to the winner of each section. Entrance will be 50 pence and forms will appear in the local press.

The tickets for the Couples Night, at the Riverside, on December 10th, are on sale in the club price £16.00 per couple. This is an ample opportunity for a Christmas night out, with dinner, dancing, disco and cabaret.

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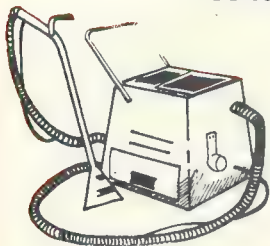
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Stockport County Football Club — 1981-82

Back Row: (left to right) Andy Thorpe, Steve Uzelac, Brian Lloyd, Andy Stafford, David Booth. **Middle Row:** John Rutter, Martin Fowler, Tommy Sword, Nigel Smith, Steve Sherlock. **Front Row:** Tony Coyle, Terry park, Oshor Williams, Dave Sunley, Mick Wardrobe. *Photograph courtesy Free Lance News.*

FOR THE third time this season, Wigan Athletic face their near-neighbours Stockport County, this time in a League fixture, having already eliminated the Edgeley Park club from the Football League Cup. At the time of going to press, Wigan Athletic hold a narrow lead over "County" in the League table, but no Latics fan should be presumptuous enough to consider today's game a mere formality. Already, in his capacity as caretaker-manager, Eric Webster has seen his side upset the odds by defeating highly-rated Sheffield United, and our visitors will be going all-out today to put an end to the sequence of Wigan Athletic victories in each of the six Football League Division

Four fixtures played since 1978-1979. Always competitive, Stockport County are now beginning to consolidate, after facing up bravely to the economic problems that face all clubs in these difficult times. Strengthened by a hard-working Board of Directors, Jimmy McGuigan, Eric Webster, and a fast improving team, the Stockport County Football Club can look forward to an improvement in fortune this season.

Whatever the outcome of today's game, we wish our near-neighbours and close rivals every success in the future, and extend a warm welcome whether our visitors be directors, management, staff or supporters.

PERSO

JIMMY McGUIGAN

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TOMMY SWORD

a former Newcastl Boys player, who sig Nottingham Forest d But after only a few returned North and professional for Wh League. There he sp front-line, before jo a small fee in the s supplementing his steel erector. During netted 35 goals for eventually led to h

Season 1978-1979
3rd Nov., 1978

17th Mar., 1979

18th Apr., 1981

H.T. Score 0-1 Att. 3,062
Scorers:
Stockport C —
Wigan Ath: A. Quinn
Wigan Ath. 2 Stockport C 1
H.T. Score 1-0 Att. 3,980
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A. Quinn
Stockport C: Bradd

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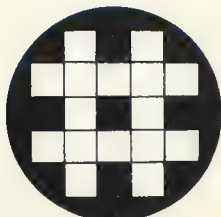
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ON THE BALL No. 6

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

One of the Nicholls; Is it for swapping?
Hilaire, perhaps; Paul of Wales.

CLUB CLUE No. 6

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:

Initially, at least, they're a major body in boxing!

MIXED DOUBLES No. 6

Re-order the letters in each of the words **DIES** and **MATE** to find two line-ups.

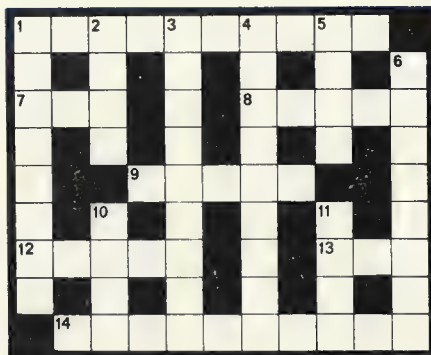
QUICK QUIZ No. 6

1. Which club has been managed by Jimmy McIlroy, Jimmy Meadows and Jimmy Armfield?
2. Who are "The Royals"?
3. Which club holds the record away win in the FA Cup?
4. Which English club is worth two Scottish ones.
5. Who were the first champions of Division Four?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 30

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1981/82 SERIES



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 6 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. Defender who played his 400th League game for Wolves last season ... (4,6)
7. ... having accumulated this many goals (3)
8. Brechin City's ground is --- Park (5)
9. Burns, maybe (5)
12. Forward who made his name with Leeds after having collected his first FA Cup-winner's medal with Manchester United in 1963 ... (5)
13. ... whose Wembley scorers included --- (3)
14. Brothers Tom, Jim and John who served Sheffield Wednesday, with the first two later managing League clubs (10)

DOWN

1. Joint top scorer for Orient for the last couple of seasons (8)
2. Winger who was a League ever-present for Luton last season (4)
3. Old Blackpool and England centre-forward (9)
4. Country whose famous clubs include Independiente and Estudiantes (9)
5. Suitably symbolically-named forward for Wales whose clubs included Northampton, Leicester, Newcastle and Birmingham (4)
6. Minnesota Kicks collected him from Liverpool in 1981 (8)
10. Stock, say (4)
11. Birch or Birchenall (4)

OUT & ABOUT



with Chris Gill

WHEREVER there's a Latics match you can bet your shop-soiled copy of a Hartlepool United — Wigan Athletic matchday programme, that a good laugh's never far away. I still get a chuckle out of recounting the tale of a certain director's wife who, when travelling to games on the supporters' coach, always left a trail of disaster in her wake. She now apparently limits her coach excursions and there's no truth in the rumour that she is smuggled on through the backdoor and travels incognito. Quite frankly, I'm astonished how the spectators ever arrived at Aldershot . . .

And talking of Aldershot, where you would never get crushed in a rush to get in, a longstanding Latics fan, also a friend of mine, was, as usual, in the thick of it. Brian Sabin has warmed the heart of many a rain-soaked programme seller. So often he has swept them off their icy cold feet and sent them joyfully packing . . . by buying the lot. They still cheer in the aisles when big Brian approaches menacingly, chequebook in hand. Brian's record purchase escapes me, but from the days Latics got into the Football League, there have been more

away programmes floating around Heinz than tins of baked beans. Once, at Hartlepool, Brian won two tickets for the 'pool's next match via his lucky programme number . . . which was no surprise seeing us how he must have bought half of the total sale for his pals.

But, at Aldershot, it seems the natives had Brian weighed up all wrong . . . Having bought a stack of programmes he left them on a table not two feet from where I was sitting in the supporters' club and toddled off to the bar. The next thing I knew some half-Cockney character flashed 30 pence on the table and waltzed off. I never thought any more about it, until another couple of punters stood nearby counting out money, before finally laying their coppers on the table . . . Then the penny dropped . . . they were whizzing Brian's hard-earned programmes . . . obviously under the impression he was selling them.

That's not the first time our hero has been confused for a seller.

Earlier, this season, he was seen at Hartlepool being accosted by two beauties intent on paying their way. But, sadly for Brian, they only wanted him for his programmes.

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Brighton & Hove Albion	The Seagulls	Goldstone Ground	0273 739535	Blue/White trim
Coventry City	The Sky Blues	Highfield Road	0203 57171	Sky Blue/Navv/White
Everton	Toffee Men	Goodison Park	051-521 2020	Royal Blue/White trim
Ipswich Town	The Town	Portman Road	0472 219211	Blue/White trim
Leeds United	The Peacocks	Elland Road	0532 716037	White/Blue & Yellow trim
Liverpool	The Reds	Anfield Road	051-263 2361	Red, White facings
Manchester City	The Citizens	Maine Road	061-226 1191	Sky Blue/White trim
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Notts. County	The Magpies	County Ground	0602 868494	Black & White Stripe
Southampton	The Saints	The Dell	0703 39633	Red & White Stripe
Stoke City	The Potters	Victoria Ground	0782 413511	Red & White Stripe
Sunderland	The Rokerites	Roker Park	0783 40332	White with Red/Black stripe
Swansea City	The Swans	Vetch Field	0792 474114	White/Black trim
Tottenham Hotspur	The Spurs	White Hart Lane	01-801 6451	White
Tottenham Albion	The Throstles	The Hawthorns	021-553 0095	Navy Blue and White Stripe
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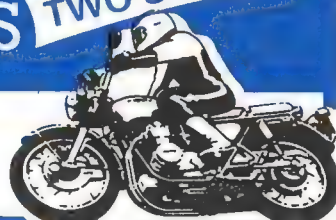
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WITH THE success of our first meeting still ringing in our ears we have the pleasure at our second meeting on Monday of welcoming Mr. Roy Cavanagh from Bolton Wanderers Junior Whites.

Roy is an acknowledged programme expert. Indeed, his collection is vast, covering World, European and F.A. Cup Finals plus many Football League games, and his collection of Manchester United Programmes is a sight to behold. It includes every programme since the Second World War, and, as if that wasn't enough, Roy now writes a regular feature for Manchester United's match programme.

I thought you might like to read Roy's article from last week's United Review. I am sure you will agree that it makes very interesting reading for 'Junior Latics' members as Roy is presenting 'The Bobby Charlton Story' at Monday's 'Junior Latics' meeting.

"This month marks the 25th anniversary of the debut of not only one of Manchester United's greatest players but also one of Football's all time stars, BOBBY CHARLTON. Bobby's first League appearance for United was on the 6th October, 1956. He appeared in the number 9 jersey usually worn by Tommy Taylor who was on International duty that day for England, along with Roger Byrne and Duncan Edwards.

That game embarked Bobby Charlton on a career during which he played a record 604 games, scoring 198 goals for Manchester United. He represented England on 106 occasions scoring a record 49 goals. He received the C.B.E. in 1969 and was acclaimed "Footballer of the Year" and "European Footballer of the Year" in 1967. His trophy cabinet contains Championship, F.A. Cup, and, of course, European and World Cup winners medals. These facts and figures, incredible as they are, cannot reflect the enormous esteem in which Bobby Charlton was held by the ordinary fan, who showed these feelings in turning out in record numbers for his Testimonial in 1972 when Glasgow Celtic played at Old Trafford.

Bobby's final League game for United was at Stamford Bridge on the 28th April, 1973, with his last appearance at Old Trafford on Easter Monday 23rd April against Sheffield United."

Monday's meeting starts at 6.45 p.m. when we will welcome Bobby Charlton, who has promised to bring a surprise star guest. Members of Wigan Athletic playing staff, and, of course, Roy Cavanagh will be present.

MATCHDAY MASCOT

Christopher James Morris, 51 Sandy Lane, Hindley. Age 10 years. Attends St. Philips (Castle Hill) Junior School and is goalkeeper for school team. Hobbies include Football, Swimming, and watching the Latics at Springfield Park. Favourite players: Bob Ward and Colin Methven.

Don't forget you can bring along a friend, BOY or GIRL, because they can join on Monday night providing they bring their enrolment fee of £1.50.

John Fillingham (Chairman)



JUNIOR LATICS





ABOVE: Clive Evans finds his shot blocked by Torquay United defenders

BELOW: Larry Lloyd causes near-post havoc against harassed Torquay United. Photographs by David Cookson.





Inevitably since the tragic death of Bill Shankly, stories about the great man are being told wherever football people get together.

Tommy Docherty, who succeeded Shanks as Preston's wing half in 1948, told me about Lou Macari's first meeting with Bill, who wanted to sign the little Scot from Celtic.

The two of them were driving through Liverpool, somewhere near the city centre, but unable to pinpoint their exact location because of thick fog. Shanks took the time to 'brainwash' Macari.

Half an hour later, totally lost, Lou was told he would be joining the greatest club in the world which had the best players, the best pitch and of course the best supporters. Shanks always talked

of supporters and believed no-one could ever resist the temptation of playing in front of the Kop for Liverpool.

"They're unique", he growled, "with a tremendous sense of humour." At that moment he wound his window down, leaned out and asked a passer by where they were. Back came the reply, in a deep Scouse accent: "Liverpool". And he walked off. Shanks turned to Macari and said: "What did I tell you, the greatest comedians in the world."

Shanks was a terrible driver, something which Emlyn Hughes was quick to appreciate. "I had only just signed for Liverpool from Blackpool" said Emlyn, "the boss and I were driving along and within five minutes we had had a crash and been stopped by the police! The crash was only a minor thing, but Shanks blamed the other driver saying it was his fault. Needless to say, it wasn't.

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OF GRANADA T.V.'S 'KICK OFF'

Then he got stopped by a policeman for having a broken light. He immediately went onto the offensive. "Do you know who this is", said Shanks pointing to me. "No", said the policeman. That was really too much for Shanks, who couldn't believe that this bloke was unable to recognise the "future captain of England", as he put it. That put him in a bad mood for the rest of the day. It was far more serious than getting his car damaged."

I first met Shanks twelve years ago, when, as a junior reporter for the Liverpool Weekly News, I was assigned to do a feature at Anfield. I met up with Bill at Melwood, the club's training ground. It was a nervewracking experience, of which he was well aware. "Do you drive a motor car, son". "No, I replied," "Then come with me." And off we went to Anfield for a day that I shall never forget.

Some years later I was in Belgium commentating for Merseyside's Radio City on the second stage of the U.E.F.A. Cup Final between Liverpool and Bruges and Liverpool, who were leading 3-2 from the first leg at Anfield. Bruges scored to level the score on aggregate. Shanks talked for about three minutes on every aspect of the goal. Shortly afterwards Kevin Keegan equalised from a free kick. Naturally Shanks was delighted and judging by past experience I worked out he would be talking about the goal for about five minutes, in which time I would be able to have a drink and a breather. I passed him the mike. "Game over", he declared and handed the mike back. A mouthful of Coke went down the wrong way and I nearly choked. He was right, of course. Liverpool proceeded to close the game down and in the end coasted to an overall victory.

On the way out of the ground he spoke to two Liverpool fans who had no money for the journey back to Merseyside. They seemed genuine enough, so Shanks promptly dipped into his pocket and handed them fifty pounds. He was no ordinary man.

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.
† Player substituted.

²Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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1981																
AUG. 29	Bradford City	3-3	4,229		Lloyd											
AUG. 31	STOCKPORT CNTY. F.L. Cup 1 1st Leg	3-0	5,079		Lloyd											
SEPT. 5	SHEFFIELD UNITED	0-1	8,001													
Sept. 12	Hartlepool United	1-2	1,715													
Sept. 14	Stockport County F.L. Cup 1 2nd Leg	2-1	2,913													
Sept. 19	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	3-1	3,986													
Sept. 23	PORT VALE	2-0	4,525													
Sept. 26	Tranmere Rovers	0-0	2,774													
Sept. 29	A.F.C. Bournemouth	0-0	4,952													

OCT. 3	TORQUAY UNITED	1-0	4,876													
Oct. 6	Aldershot F.L. Cup 2 1st Leg	2-2	1,960													
Oct. 10	STOCKPORT COUNTY															
Oct. 17	Hull City															
Oct. 20	Bury															
Oct. 24	SCUNTHORPE UNITED															
OCT. 27	ALDERSHOT F.L. CUP 2 2nd Leg															
Oct. 30	Colchester United.															

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP SECOND ROUND FIRST LEG RESULTS

NOV. 4	DARLINGTON															
Nov. 7	HEREFORD UNITED															
Nov. 14	York City															
Nov. 21	F.A. Cup 1.															
Nov. 28	Rochdale															
DEC. 5	HALIFAX TOWN															
Dec. 12	F.A. Cup 2.															
Dec. 19	ALDERSHOT															
Dec. 26	Crewe Alexandra															
Dec. 28	BLACKPOOL															

SECOND LEG GAMES TO BE PLAYED DURING THE WEEK
COMMENCING 26th OCTOBER, 1981.

1982

Mansfield Town
JAN. 2
Sheffield United
Jan. 9
PETERBOROUGH UNITED
Jan. 16
BRADFORD CITY
Jan. 23
Northampton Town
Jan. 30

FEB. 6 HARTLEPOOL UNITED
Feb. 8 Port Vale
Feb. 13 Torquay United
Feb. 20 TRANMERE ROVERS
Feb. 26 Stockport County

MAR. 6 HULL CITY
Mar. 10 BURY
Mar. 12 Scunthorpe United
Mar. 16 Darlington
Mar. 20 COLCHESTER UNITED
Mar. 27 Hereford United

APR. 2 YORK CITY
Apr. 9 Blackpool
Apr. 10 CREWE ALEXANDRA
Apr. 17 Halifax Town
Apr. 24 ROCHDALE

MAY 1 Peterborough United
May 5 A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH
May 8 MANSFIELD TOWN
May 15 Aldershot

AGGREGATE ATTENDANCES FOR HOME LEAGUE FIXTURES (FOURTH DIVISION)

AS AT 3rd OCTOBER, 1981.

Sheffield United	46,398
Wigan Athletic	21,398
Blackpool	18,984
Bradford City	17,990
A.F.C. Bournemouth	17,242
Hull City	17,215
Stockport County	12,789
Port Vale	12,533
Bury	12,248
York City	12,139
Peterborough United*	11,853
Mansfield Town	11,529
Colchester United	10,773
Crewe Alexandra	10,647
Torquay United	10,637
Hereford United	9,965
Scunthorpe United	9,019
Rochdale	8,815
Aldershot	8,193
Hartlepool United	8,176
Darlington	7,888
Halifax Town	7,760
Northampton Town	7,419
Tranmere Rovers	7,382

*with the exception of Peterborough United, who have only played three games at the time of going to press, each of the above listed clubs has played four home games.

FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 5th OCTOBER, 1981.

	Home Record				Away Record				Pts.			
	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L				
AFC Bournemouth	8	3	1	0	5	0	3	1	0	5	2	20
Bradford City	8	3	1	0	13	6	3	0	1	11	5	19
Torquay United	8	4	0	0	6	3	2	0	2	4	4	18
Blackpool	8	4	0	0	17	2	0	4	0	5	5	16
Bury	8	4	0	0	8	3	1	0	2	6	4	16
Sheffield United	8	3	1	0	13	2	1	0	3	5	6	15
Port Vale	8	3	2	0	1	9	8	1	3	2	5	13
Colchester U	8	3	1	0	1	9	1	0	3	1	2	5
Hartlepool United	8	3	0	0	1	9	5	4	0	3	5	12
Peterborough U	8	3	0	1	6	2	4	0	1	3	0	5
Wigan Athletic	8	3	0	1	9	5	6	1	2	0	3	5
Stockport C	8	3	0	1	5	6	1	1	2	0	3	5
Hereford U	8	1	2	1	5	6	1	1	2	0	3	5
Mansfield Town	8	1	2	1	5	6	1	1	2	0	3	5
Aldershot	8	1	1	2	3	6	3	0	2	2	7	9
York City	8	1	0	3	1	6	3	2	0	2	7	9
Tranmere R	8	0	1	3	1	6	3	0	1	3	5	9
Hull City	8	2	1	1	6	5	0	1	3	1	7	8
Scunthorpe U	8	2	1	1	6	5	0	1	3	1	7	8
Halifax Town	8	0	2	1	4	5	0	2	2	1	4	13
Darlington	8	1	3	1	4	3	0	0	4	1	11	5
Rochdale	8	1	3	1	4	3	0	0	4	4	4	14
Northampton T	8	0	3	1	4	3	0	0	4	4	0	14
Crewe Alexandra	8	0	3	1	4	3	0	0	4	4	0	14

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Comment

FROM THE CHAIR

I MUST begin my notes this week by bidding a very warm welcome to my old friend, Alan Kirk, the Chairman of Stockport County Football Club, and my former colleagues at Edgeley Park. They are all doing a tremendous job, in these times of recession, in keeping the club afloat. More strength to them.

Everyone connected with Wigan Athletic wishes Jimmy McGuigan a speedy recovery, after his recent health problems. In Eric Webster, one of my former playing colleagues, County have an excellent caretaker-manager, who also carries out many other day-to-day tasks for the club. Eric is certainly doing an excellent job during Jimmy's enforced absence.

On the playing front, I thought our

team produced a great display at the Recreation Ground, Aldershot, fighting back to draw after earlier being behind to two unfortunate goals. Our recent testing games have proved that we can now take on the best and more than hold our own. We could possibly use one more signing to make us a real force to be reckoned with, once we have got over our current injury problems.

Our weekly wage bill still gives cause for concern, but we are living with the problem, trying to give Larry Lloyd the time he needs to set out his stall for a real promotion drive.

I hope we can all enjoy today's game.

Yours sincerely,

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Solutions to Puzzle Page

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- 9 Les Bradd
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Clive Evans
- 12 Alex Cribley

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MR. M. G. PECK
 (Kendal)

Started refereeing in 1963 and has progressed via the West Lancashire and Central Leagues to the Football League list. Lined the 1975 Scotland v. Northern Ireland Home International, and refereed the first leg of the Challenge Trophy Semi-Final in 1977. In 1978 lined a European Championship match, and was linesman in 1980 F.A. Challenge Cup Semi-Final.

A married man, with two children, he is a Schoolmaster. Likes playing cricket and squash, also listening to all kinds of music. Former Secretary of the Lancaster-Morecambe Referees' Society, past Secretary (1972-76) of the Lancashire Referees' Association, and former F.A. area advisor.

Linesmen:

Red Flag Yellow Flag
Mr. R. A. Funnell Mr. A. Jones
 (Chester) (Wirral)

FOR YOUR RECORDS

H.T. SCORE:
 F.T. SCORE:
 ATTENDANCE:
SCORERS
 LATICS:
 VISITORS:



**STOCKPORT
 COUNTY**
 (Green & Yellow)

- 1 Brian Lloyd
- 2 John Rutter
- 3 Steve Sherlock
- 4 Martin Fowler
- 5 Andy Thorpe
- 6 Tommy Sword
- 7 Oshor Williams
- 8 Dave Sunley
- 9 Tony Coyle
- 10 Terry Park
- 11 Andy Stafford
- 12 Micky Wardrobe

"HERE NEXT"
 Saturday, 24th October, 1981.
 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
WIGAN ATHLETIC v STOCKPORT UNITED
 Football League Division Four